

#### What is the purpose of this Public Hearing?

- Provide information about HUD requirements for building in the floodplain
- Accept comments on site at HWY 288 and N. MacGregor Way









# Why are we here?

- City has federal Economic Development \$
- H-E-B has approached the City regarding assistance for a grocery store located on a property in the floodplain
- Before the City can make any financial commitment with HUD funds, it must hear from the public regarding the use of the property for the particular activity

### Public Notice and Review

- Project Name: H-E-B Grocery Store
- Location: Northeast Intersection of SH 288/N. MacGregor Way (9 acre tract)
- Proposed Activity: Economic Development Activity in a Low-Moderate Income Area
- Total number of acres in floodplain: Roughly 300,000 square feet of land, or 6.9 acres (northern and eastern parts of site) were estimated to lie within the 100-year floodplain

## Public Notice and Review

 Approximately 0.2 acres of land was identified as potential wetland by the Preliminary Aquatic Resources Assessment, along with a stream on the eastern border of the site.

### Public Notice and Review

 Natural and beneficial values being evaluated include the elevation of the land, any aquatic resources on site, and any potential impact of on-site development on drainage for the surrounding area.

## Three Primary Purposes of Notice

 People who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts.

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 An adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas



Can federal funds be used to acquire a site in the floodplain?









# With stipulations:

- Compliance with 8-step environmental process
- Prior approval by HUD





This hearing is part of HUD's 8-step environmental process for a potential development in a floodplain.









8. Monitor to ensure flood mitigation

1. Ensure no wetlands

Consider practical alternatives

7. 7-day notice of final HUD determination

**HUD's** 8-Step Process

15-day notice; This Public Hearing

6.

Determine practical alternatives

5. Use proper materials for flood mitigation

4. **Document** flood mitigation steps

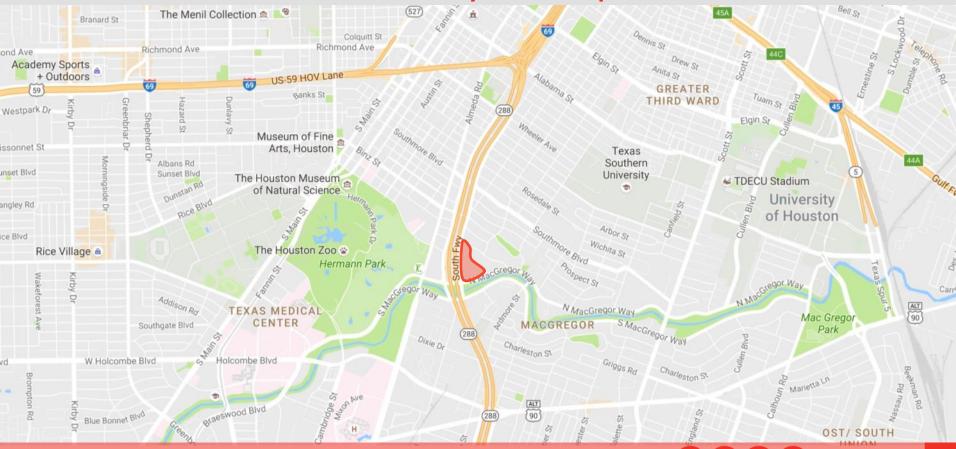








PROPOSAL: City to Acquire Site









# **Project Overview**

- H-E-B to develop a 72,000-square-foot grocery store
- Cost: appx. \$20 million, funded by H-E-B
- Store to create appx. 250 jobs







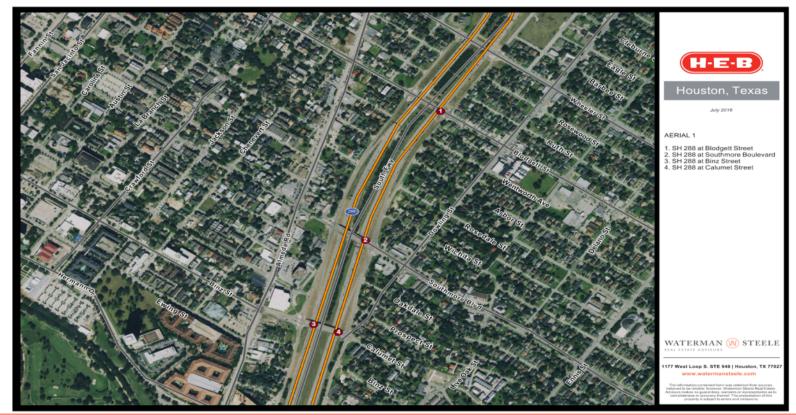


- Focus on the major intersections on HWY 288, between US 59 and IH 610
  - This allows for convenient access for the residents in the service area
- Other sites identified were not large enough or already had improved structures
  - Typically, 8-10 acres is needed for a store this size





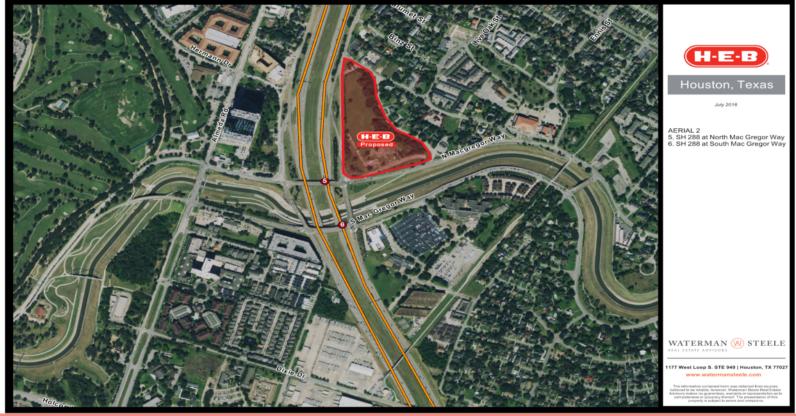


































## Site Plan









# Floodplain Map

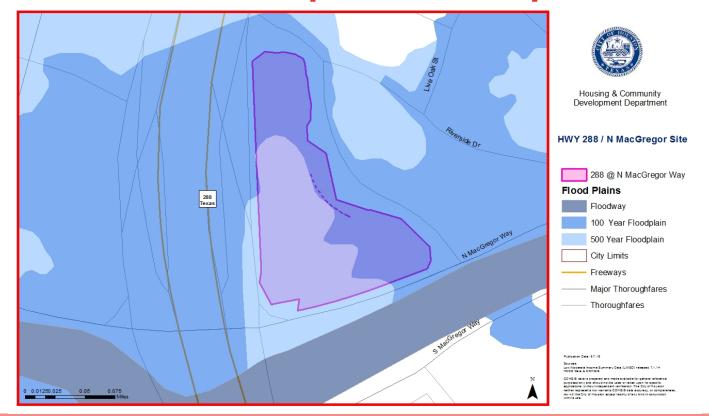








# Floodplain Map

































## H-E-B Snapshot



- Founded on November 26, 1905
  - By Florence Butt with an initial investment of \$60 dollars and a prayer
  - Transformed the first floor of her home in Kerrville, TX into the 1<sup>st</sup> store
- Today H-E-B operates over 380 stores throughout Texas and Northern Mexico
- Employs over 96,000 Partners
  - Largest employer in Texas
- In 2015 Over **55,000** H-E-B Partners became Owners through the Partner Stock Plan.

# H-E-B Snapshot



- Privately-owned company
- Highly integrated retailer
- Low Prices Everyday Strategy
- Commitment to our Customers, Communities and Partners











## H-E-B Today



H-E-B by the Numbers	
Years in Operation	111
Number of Stores	384
Number of Employees	96,000
Number of Stores in Mexico	55
Number of Central Markets	9
Number of H-E-B Plus!	38
Number of Mi Tienda	2
Number of Joe V's Smart Shop	7
Largest Store	185,000 sq. ft.



# Giving Back. Helping Here.



- The Spirit of H-E-B –
   a company-wide spirit of caring!
- Key areas of focus are hunger relief, education, disaster relief, health and wellness, diversity and the environment
- Some of our signature programs include:
  - Food Bank Assistance Program
  - Feast of Sharing Holiday Dinners
  - H-E-B Excellence in Education
- Industry-leading Emergency Preparedness Program

  Because Program

  The Property Property Program

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### Our Mission



#### H-E-B's Bold Promise: Taking a stand together to build the greatest retailing company

- We do this by:
  - Hiring great people
  - Offering Customers the best service
  - Selling only the freshest, safest products
  - Identify great products for today and tomorrow
- Giving Customers low prices with the best value

  Because Bond And Andrew Prices

  Because Bond Andrew Prices

## H-E-B Food/Drug



- Store Format Design
- Offer Grocery, Bakery, Deli/Food Service, DrugStore, Produce, Floral, Meat, and Seafood departments
- No two stores are exactly alike



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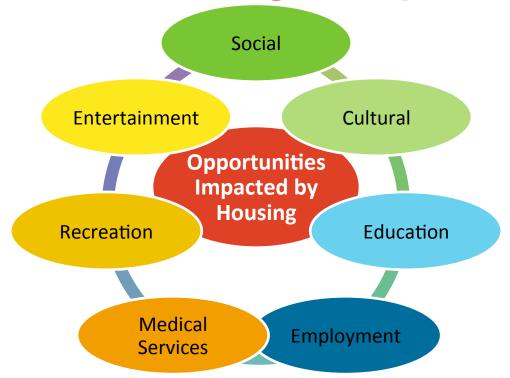
# **Fair Housing**







#### Why Is Fair Housing So Important?









#### Fair Housing Act

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination against any of the following protected classes:



- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial Status
- Handicap / Disability







#### **Fair Housing Act Prohibits:**

Discrimination in the rental or sale of housing

Discrimination in the terms, conditions, privileges, services or facilities of housing

Making, printing or publishing discriminatory advertisements

Representing that housing is unavailable to a protected class when housing is actually available









#### **Public Hearing on Floodplain Project**

### **Public Comments**









### Three Ways to Let Your Voice Be Heard

Present your comments at the Public Hearing (that's tonight)

Write a letter to HCDD, 601 Sawyer, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, TX 77007 Attn: Peggy Colligan, Planning & **Grants Management** 

Send an email to Margaret.Colligan@Houst onTX.gov

Comments accepted through September 11, 2016







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